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In re application of : Sherwood CREEDLE et al.

Application No. : 10/673,142

Group Art Unit : 3629

Filed : September 12, 2003

Examiner : Not Yet Known

For : ADMINISTERING A CONTRACT OVER A DATA NETWORK

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

☒ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

☒ A Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO-1449.

☐ A Request for Extension of Time.

☐ No additional fee is required.

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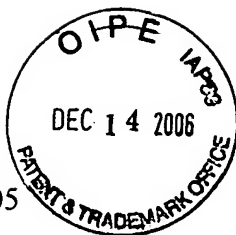
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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